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LETTER DATED 6 AUGUST 1993 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF MOROCCO TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

On behalf of the members of the Security Council which are members of the Non-Aligned Movement (Cape Verde, Djibouti, Morocco, Pakistan and Venezuela), I have the honour to transmit herewith a statement dated 5 August 1993 expressing our views on the ongoing talks in Geneva regarding the situation in Bosnia-Herzegovina (see annex).

I would appreciate it if you would kindly have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

Statement dated 5 August 1993 of the Non-aligned members of the Security Council on the settlement of the conflict in Bosnia and Herzegovina

The Non-aligned members of the Security Council (Cape Verde, Djibouti, Morocco, Pakistan and Venezuela) are following with keen interest the current talks in Geneva under the auspices of the Co-Chairmen of the International Conference on former Yugoslavia for a settlement of the conflict in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina. It is a matter of deep concern that the proposals put forward by the Serbs and Croats seem to be considered as the only basis for a "viable settlement". Needless to say, these run counter to the principles for a political solution agreed at the London International Conference on Former Yugoslavia on 26 August 1992 and supported by the Security Council in its statement of 2 September 1992. The victims, who continue to pay a heavy price for the aggression directed against them, are now being required to pay the final price for a peace which seeks to legitimize the results of that aggression.

In the view of the Non-aligned members of the Council, a just and equitable solution of the conflict in Bosnia and Herzegovina must be in conformity with the Charter of the United Nations and the principles of international law. In particular, it must be based on the full restoration of the sovereignty, territorial integrity and unity of Bosnia and Herzegovina; non-recognition of the acquisition of territory by the use of force; the reversal of the consequences of the use of force and ethnic cleansing and the recognition and respect for the right of all Bosnian refugees to return to their homes in safety and honour, including their right to receive compensation. We are of the firm conviction that any just and durable peace must be based on these principles.

The Non-aligned members of the Council are also convinced that serious negotiations for a settlement of the Bosnian conflict require the establishment of a conducive environment, the minimum conditions for which are an immediate and complete cease-fire throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina and the unimpeded flow of humanitarian assistance. The reality on ground testifies to the contrary.

Motivated by these considerations, the Non-aligned members of the Council have circulated a draft resolution for consideration of Council members. It recalls the London Agreement and spells out the principles for just and equitable political settlement of the conflict. It calls for the cessation of hostilities and the free flow of humanitarian assistance. It is our hope that it would receive the unanimous support of Council members. In our view, it is imperative that the Council send forth a clear and unequivocal message that any settlement based on the formula of "peace at any price" would be unacceptable to the international community.